



First Baptist Church Montgomery

# BEACON

BRING THEM IN...BUILD THEM UP...SEND THEM OUT

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## Thanksgiving

### WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
NO SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 &  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
FBC OFFICES CLOSED



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1  
6:15 PM | STAKELY SANCTUARY

JOY SINGERS  
**ADVENT  
WORSHIP**



# Christ OUR REDEEMER

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE 2024

December 13

7:00 PM

December 14 & 15

4:00 PM

For tickets: 334.241.5156 or  
[thelivingchristmastree.org](http://thelivingchristmastree.org)



## FIVE IDEAS FOR THANKSGIVING

Somehow, we've arrived in November, and Thanksgiving is upon us. Here are a few quick ideas for letting Thanksgiving propel your heart in the right direction.



- 1. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.** I love the song, but how much better is it to actually name them? Write your blessings on paper or utilize technology to craft a note on your phone that you can carry with you. Start today and make this list a priority.
- 2. AFFIRM YOUR BLESSINGS.** Utilize these days to reach out to the people in your life for whom you are thankful and verbalize your gratitude. It's quick and simple to send a note in the mail, text, or take someone out to coffee. Bless them by thanking them for their specific influence in your life.
- 3. SLOW DOWN TO LOCK IN.** These holiday seasons can come at us at a furious pace. And sadly, sometimes we breeze through them so quickly doing good things that we miss the time to slow down and lock into the gifts from the Lord. Slow yourself down to look up and give thanks.
- 4. REACH OUT.** The holiday season can be tremendously hard for those who have lost loved ones through this past year. Reach out to these dear friends and let them know of your love, prayers, and support. Be a light in the dark to someone this Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- 5. SERVE THE STRUGGLING.** Thanksgiving is a time when we recognize our great blessings from the Lord but also recognize that many around us are struggling in many ways. Find ways to serve in our community. The Caring Center is always available to receive donations, and there are plentiful ways to utilize the time to serve those around you.

This Thanksgiving (and every day of the year), I am grateful for you, my beloved brothers and sisters. You are a joy to serve King Jesus with!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

**MARK BETHEA**  
Senior Pastor



# Family ADVENT BAGS

Parents of preschoolers and children... remember to grab a Family Advent Bag with all supplies needed to lead your family in a weekly devotion and activity this Advent Season. Family Advent Bags will be available for pick up on Sundays, November 24, and December 1, at the Preschool and Children's Desks. *Please, only one bag per family.*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Preschool + Children's Ministries

The annual Mission Friends Art Show will be held Sunday, December 1 at 5:00 PM in room B112. Our Mission Friends have been hard at work this fall preparing crafts. Please stop by to pick up your child's crafts, eat and fellowship with others. All donations for the crafts will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. There will be no Mission Friends due to the auction. All children should come to room B112 at 5:00 PM with their parents.

Calling all Moms of preschoolers and children...Join us for the My Favorite Things Party on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Bring heavy hors' d'oeuvres (moms of preschoolers bring sweet/moms of children bring savory). Pick one thing you love and bring 3 of that item to share (unwrapped).

FBC Stewardship Emphasis  
2025 Goal: \$7,307,000  
[montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship](http://montgomeryfbc.org/stewardship)

GROWING IN  
**generosity**  
2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

time  
talent  
treasure

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT!

At publication, the total pledge was \$3,632,173. This is 50% of the 2025 Ministry Plan. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord!



Please spend no more than \$10 for each item. Register by Sunday, December 1 at [montgomeryfbc.org/events](http://montgomeryfbc.org/events).

**Volunteers are needed to love our preschoolers (birth through 3-year-olds) for the Living Christmas Tree Presentations on Friday, December 13 at 7:00 PM, Saturday, December 14 at 4:00 PM and Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM.** If

you are willing to help at these services, contact Judy Bryant at [jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:jbryant@montgomeryfbc.org) or Tiffany Alewine at [talewine@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:talewine@montgomeryfbc.org).

**Save the date for The Greatest Gift on Wednesday, December 18.** This fun, interactive family event is designed to focus families on the greatest gift of the season. We will start with a pancake supper at 5:00 PM. The program will include games, activities, and a special retelling of the Christmas Story by some of our children. We will also have a hot cocoa bar and a family photo opportunity. Make plans to join us around the table for a night of fun!

## Senior Adult Ministry

**All senior adults are invited to join us for our Christmas Banquet Tuesday, December 10 at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall.** Dinner will consist of grilled steak or chicken. Our entertainment, The Upbeats, will play big band music and you can get your photo made with Santa Claus. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to make your reservation, call Mary Virginia Crum at 241.5180.

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Baptism

**Ellie Grace Ford**

44 North Onyx Court  
Pike Road, AL 36064

**Kate Holley**

172 Mistletoe Lane  
Hope Hull, AL 36043

### By Letter/Statement of Faith

**Mr. Mark Gibson**

**Mrs. Mark Gibson (Laura)**

3361 Allendale Place  
Montgomery, AL 36111

**Mr. Steve Harris**

**Mrs. Steve Harris (Karen)**

8015 Tavistock Street  
Montgomery, AL 36116

**Mr. Nick Ivaschenko**

356 Ogden Court, Apt A  
Montgomery, AL 36115

**Dr. Austin Worley**

**Mrs. Austin Worley (Lauren)**

3351 Thomas Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36111

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or [cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org](mailto:cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org).

### Sympathy Extended to

- Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Stewart (Robin) in the death of his sister
- Ms. Heidi Trimmier and Ms. Lori Stone in the death of their sister
- Mr. & Mrs. Craig Mills (Janice) in the death of his brother

### Baptist South

Jeanette Martin

### Capitol Hill Healthcare

Terry Yarbrough

### Hillview Terrace

Lillian Wilkinson

### John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith

### Prattville Health & Rehab

Doris Moffett

### St. Francis – Emory Healthcare (Columbus, GA)

Robert Smith

## Music Ministry

Don't miss our **Preschool & Children's Choirs Christmas Service** as our children lead worship and share the beautiful message of Christmas in song on Sunday, December 8 at 6:15 PM in the main sanctuary.

## Missions Ministry

Looking for team members for the **Hope Heals Mission Trip on June 29 through July 4, 2025**. The cost is \$400, and registration is due by January 21, 2025. If you wish to participate but are unable to attend the dates listed, reach out as there may be other sessions available. For more information, contact Britt Griggs at 334.207.7148 or [brittgriggs@charter.net](mailto:brittgriggs@charter.net).

## Community Ministries

**Thank you for the wonderful support of Community Ministries!** With the upcoming Christmas season, the Caring Center needs slippers, pajamas, gloves, socks, new underwear, bed linens, and towels. New toys are also needed for the Mary Ruth Wolf Christmas Workshop on Saturday, December 14. For more information, contact Madison Breeden at 241.5140 or [mbreeden@fbc-cm.org](mailto:mbreeden@fbc-cm.org).



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**National Collection Week is here! Bring your packed shoeboxes to FBC by Sunday, November 24!** To learn more about Operation Christmas Child, visit [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/).

**There are a few Angels left. Pick one this Sunday from the tree in the Welcome Center.** Directions will be provided for labeling, wrapping and returning your gifts to the church. Collection begins December 1. For more information, visit [montgomeryfbc.org/angel-tree](http://montgomeryfbc.org/angel-tree). Contact Wendy Hamilton at 662.425.7725 or [weh130@msn.com](mailto:weh130@msn.com) for additional information.



## FBC FAITHFULNESS | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

### ATTENDANCE

**Bible Fellowship: Enrollment** 3503 | **Attendance** 1235

**Weekly Attendance** 1970 | **Discipleship Attendance** 839

### OFFERING

**Required Weekly** \$136,500.00 | **Received Sunday** \$126,787.17

**Required To Date** \$6,279,000.00 | **Received To Date** \$5,432,041.17

# NOVEMBER

The Lord is my light and  
my salvation; whom shall  
I fear? The Lord is the  
stronghold of my life; of  
whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

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## THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit [montgomeryfbc.org](http://montgomeryfbc.org) for the complete calendar of events.

### Sunday, November 24

- 7:45 Prayer Time (*Welcome Center*)
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 4:45 First Family Thanksgiving Meal
- 6:00 First Family Thanksgiving Worship
- 6:45 LCT Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Monday, November 25

- 10:00 JOY Singers Rehearsal
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Tuesday, November 26

- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Wednesday, November 27

- No Service or Activities
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Thursday, November 28

#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- FBC Offices Closed
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Friday, November 29

- FBC Offices Closed
- 6:30 Kilby Correctional Facility Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

### Saturday, November 30

- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time (*virtual*)

## IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBER

### Carolyn Martin

2620 Fisk Road  
Montgomery, AL 36111



305 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

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## FBC Livestreams

### Website

[montgomeryfbc.org](http://montgomeryfbc.org)

### Facebook

@montgomeryfirstbaptist

### App

First Baptist Church Montgomery

### Vimeo

[vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery](http://vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery)

### YouTube

First Baptist Church Montgomery

## Broadcast Schedule

**Frazer Channel 13** (*Montgomery & Prattville*)

**BrightHouse Channel 122** (*Elmore County*)

**Full Hour:** Sunday, 12:30 PM & 6:00 PM

**Half Hour:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:00 PM

**WSFA-TV Channel 12**

**Half Hour:** Sunday, 10:30 AM

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